

Mr. Speaker, the challenges before us are great. This country needs to understand all the dimensions of the Kosovo deployment. This country needs to understand that we cannot afford to be fair weather friends of the brave men and women who serve this country. It is not just enough to stand up and wave the flag and say "I am behind the troops." We must be prepared to take care of all the extra costs that are associated with these 33 deployments, many of which our troops are still involved with around the world today.

I ask my colleagues to consider these facts as we move further into a very nasty and dangerous situation far away from the homes and the towns where these brave Americans live.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OSE) at 12 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 68, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mr. KASICH submitted the following conference report and statement on the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 68) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-91)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 68), establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009, do pass with the following, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the resolution and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.

(a) **DECLARATION.**—Congress determines and declares that this resolution is the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000 including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2001 through 2009 as authorized by

section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this concurrent resolution is as follows:

Sec. 1. Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000.

TITLE I—LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

Sec. 101. Recommended levels and amounts.

Sec. 102. Social security.

Sec. 103. Major functional categories.

Sec. 104. Reconciliation of revenue reductions in the Senate.

Sec. 105. Reconciliation of revenue reductions in the House of Representatives.

TITLE II—BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS AND RULEMAKING

Sec. 201. Safe deposit box for social security surpluses.

Sec. 202. Reserve fund for retirement security.

Sec. 203. Reserve fund for medicare.

Sec. 204. Reserve fund for agriculture.

Sec. 205. Tax reduction reserve fund in the Senate.

Sec. 206. Emergency designation point of order in the Senate.

Sec. 207. Pay-as-you-go point of order in the Senate.

Sec. 208. Application and effect of changes in allocations and aggregates.

Sec. 209. Establishment of levels for fiscal year 1999.

Sec. 210. Deficit-neutral reserve fund to foster the employment and independence of individuals with disabilities in the Senate.

Sec. 211. Reserve fund for fiscal year 2000 surplus.

Sec. 212. Reserve fund for education in the Senate.

Sec. 213. Exercise of rulemaking powers.

TITLE III—SENSE OF CONGRESS, HOUSE, AND SENATE PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Sense of Congress Provisions

Sec. 301. Sense of Congress on the protection of the social security surpluses.

Sec. 302. Sense of Congress on providing additional dollars to the classroom.

Sec. 303. Sense of Congress on asset-building for the working poor.

Sec. 304. Sense of Congress on child nutrition.

Sec. 305. Sense of Congress concerning funding for special education.

Subtitle B—Sense of the House Provisions

Sec. 311. Sense of the House on the Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Sec. 312. Sense of the House on assessment of welfare-to-work programs.

Subtitle C—Sense of the Senate Provisions

Sec. 321. Sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should not invest the social security trust funds in private financial markets.

Sec. 322. Sense of the Senate regarding the modernization and improvement of the medicare program.

Sec. 323. Sense of the Senate on education.

Sec. 324. Sense of the Senate on providing tax relief to Americans by returning the non-social security surplus to taxpayers.

Sec. 325. Sense of the Senate on access to medicare services.

Sec. 326. Sense of the Senate on law enforcement.

Sec. 327. Sense of the Senate on improving security for United States diplomatic missions.

Sec. 328. Sense of the Senate on increased funding for the National Institutes of Health.

Sec. 329. Sense of the Senate on funding for Kyoto protocol implementation prior to Senate ratification.

Sec. 330. Sense of the Senate on TEA-21 funding and the States.

Sec. 331. Sense of the Senate that the one hundred sixth Congress, first session should reauthorize funds for the farmland protection program.

Sec. 332. Sense of the Senate on the importance of social security for individuals who become disabled.

Sec. 333. Sense of the Senate on reporting of on-budget trust fund levels.

Sec. 334. Sense of the Senate regarding South Korea's international trade practices on pork and beef.

Sec. 335. Sense of the Senate on funding for natural disasters.

TITLE I—LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

SEC. 101. RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS.

The following budgetary levels are appropriate for the fiscal years 2000 through 2009:

(1) **FEDERAL REVENUES.**—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution—

(A) The recommended levels of Federal revenues are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$1,408,082,000,000.

Fiscal year 2001: \$1,434,837,000,000.

Fiscal year 2002: \$1,454,757,000,000.

Fiscal year 2003: \$1,531,512,000,000.

Fiscal year 2004: \$1,584,969,000,000.

Fiscal year 2005: \$1,648,259,000,000.

Fiscal year 2006: \$1,681,438,000,000.

Fiscal year 2007: \$1,735,646,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: \$1,805,517,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: \$1,868,515,000,000.

(B) The amounts by which the aggregate levels of Federal revenues should be changed are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$0.

Fiscal year 2001: —\$7,810,000,000.

Fiscal year 2002: —\$53,519,000,000.

Fiscal year 2003: —\$31,806,000,000.

Fiscal year 2004: —\$49,180,000,000.

Fiscal year 2005: —\$62,637,000,000.

Fiscal year 2006: —\$109,275,000,000.

Fiscal year 2007: —\$135,754,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: —\$150,692,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: —\$177,195,000,000.

(2) **NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.**—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate levels of total new budget authority are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$1,426,720,000,000.

Fiscal year 2001: \$1,455,785,000,000.

Fiscal year 2002: \$1,486,875,000,000.

Fiscal year 2003: \$1,559,079,000,000.

Fiscal year 2004: \$1,612,910,000,000.

Fiscal year 2005: \$1,666,657,000,000.

Fiscal year 2006: \$1,698,214,000,000.

Fiscal year 2007: \$1,753,326,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: \$1,814,537,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: \$1,874,778,000,000.

(3) **BUDGET OUTLAYS.**—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate levels of total budget outlays are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$1,408,082,000,000.

Fiscal year 2001: \$1,434,837,000,000.

Fiscal year 2002: \$1,454,757,000,000.

Fiscal year 2003: \$1,531,512,000,000.

Fiscal year 2004: \$1,583,753,000,000.

Fiscal year 2005: \$1,639,568,000,000.

Fiscal year 2006: \$1,667,838,000,000.

Fiscal year 2007: \$1,717,042,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: \$1,781,865,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: \$1,841,858,000,000.

(4) **DEFICITS OR SURPLUSES.**—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the amounts of the deficits or surpluses are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$0.

Fiscal year 2001: \$0.

Fiscal year 2002: \$0.

Fiscal year 2003: \$0.

Fiscal year 2004: \$1,216,000,000.

Fiscal year 2005: \$8,691,000,000.

Fiscal year 2006: \$13,600,000,000.

Fiscal year 2007: \$18,604,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: \$23,652,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: \$26,657,000,000.

(5) **PUBLIC DEBT.**—The appropriate levels of the public debt are as follows: